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SECRETARY GLICKMAN TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH DAKOTA FOR FARM FORUM

WASHINGTON, April 3, 1998 -- Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman will travel to Aberdeen, South Dakota on Wednesday, April 8, to meet with farmers about issues affecting production agriculture. Sen. Tom Daschle will also attend the forum, one of seven being conducted by the Secretary and Deputy Secretary Richard Rominger.

"It's been just over a year since we implemented the '96 Farm bill -- and the historic changes it brought to production agriculture. I believe this is an ideal time to meet with farmers and ranchers across the country to hear their views on how the new program is working," Glickman said.

Prior to the forum, at 8:00 a.m., Secretary Glickman will tour the Heartland Grain Fuels ethanol plant with Sen. Daschle. The plant address is 38469 133rd St., Aberdeen, South Dakota. The tour will be open to the press, and will be followed by a media availability at approximately 8:40 a.m. Reporters may call Kathy Helgersen, (605) 352-1163 for additional information and directions.

The Farm Forum will be held at the Ramkota Inn, 1400 8th Avenue NW, Aberdeen, South Dakota, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There will be a media availability following at the Inn.

Other USDA officials scheduled to attend the forum include Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Mike Dunn, Farm Service Agency Administrator Keith Kelly and Risk Management Agency Administrator Ken Ackerman.

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